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Committee staff, called. He said Senator Stennis will be on "Face the Nation" this Sunday and he was preparing some backup material for the Senator. He was particularly interested in our advice of how to handle the Chile situation. He wanted to know if the Chairman could say the Agency has informed him that had no involvement in the military coup and I told him he could certainly do this. With regard to whether the coup was anticipated, I told him that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel of the Committee, was informed regarding our reporting on this subject and we felt it had been good. As far as the Senator's comments are concerned, I suggested that he say that the situation had been building up for a long time and there had been reports of a possible coup over the months. I suggested, however, that the Senator avoid the use of the word "surprise" in either a positive or negative sense since this almost seemed to have specific intelligence connotation.

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